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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OPC

SUBJECT: Overseas T/O for Communications Division

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1. Attached hereto are two copies of an Overseas T/O for Communications Division totaling [] positions together with two copies of a supplementary list of communications personnel carried on the Overseas T/Os of Foreign Divisions totalling [] additional positions. The combined totals are thus [] positions for communications personnel overseas. This T/O has been arrived at during the past three weeks through detailed and exhaustive conferences with all elements of the Communications Division represented, as well as Staff B, Employees Division, Management Office, Budget and Liaison Control, and the OPC Signal Officer. The T/O is designed to fulfill the requirements of OSO and OPC, within the capabilities of Communications Division, Training Division and Employees Division until the end of the present fiscal year, 30 June 1950, while at the same time anticipating both requirements and capabilities for the following fiscal year. It is planned to review this T/O in March and early April of 1950, in order that additional requirements and capabilities for 1951 may be kept in step with the final determination of the Budget for 1951. It should be noted that additions to this T/O can be made at any time so long as the Budget permits. It is the Budget which now determines the present overseas complement, not vice versa. On the other hand it is undesirable for a number of reasons to include in the T/O any substantial number of positions against which recruitment will not be started during the fiscal year.

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2. The Communications Overseas T/O considerably exceeds the needs of OSO and to that extent exceeds the budgetary provisions for the present fiscal year that OSO has made by approximately [] positions or the equivalent of approximately [] at certain overseas stations the number of persons now requiring designations is by reason of this program in excess of the quasi-commitments made by OSO []

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3. You will recall that at our recent conference, it was agreed that it would be wholly impractical to maintain two separate lists or "T/Os" of communications personnel to serve OSO and OPC abroad. It is therefore requested that you confirm that this consolidated T/O will fulfill the needs of OPC for the balance of the present fiscal year with the understanding that details of financial support [] for this program will be worked out as soon as possible. It is desirable that this program be put into effect and recruitment against vacancies started at the earliest opportunity.

cc: STB

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Executive Officer, OSO

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